

REMARKS

The dependency of claim 18 has been changed. Claim 27 is supported by original claims 1 and 22 (as well as the figures). Claims 28 and 32 are supported by claim 2. Claims 29 and 30 are supported by claims 10 and 11, respectively. Claim 31 is supported by the figures. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this amendment claims 3-11, 18, 19, 23 and 27-32 are present and active in the application.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for withdrawal of the previous rejections, as well as indicating that claims 3-11 and 23 are free of the prior art. Applicant would also like to thank Supervisor Whitehead for the courteous and helpful discussion with applicant's representative on April 18, 2005. During this discuss, the status of the present application was clarified, as well as the steps necessary for moving the application forward.

The rejection of the claims has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claims 18 and 19 have been made dependent on claim 3. Claims 12-17 have been cancelled. Newly added claims 27-32 use the term "supported by" to clarify applicant's intended meaning of the word "on", as used in the originally filed claims.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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